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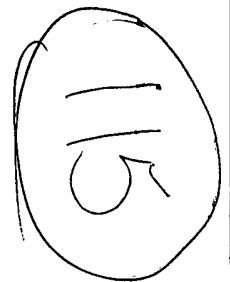
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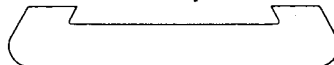
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**KIEV CVHG UNIT 3 MODIFICATIONS
SEVASTOPOL NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD KILENBAL, USSR**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: MODIFICATIONS TO THE AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEM IS OBSERVED ABOARD THE THIRD UNIT OF THE KIEV-CLASS CVHG.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: MODIFICATIONS TO THE AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEM ABOARD THE THIRD UNIT OF THE KIEV-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE V/STOL AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVHG) 'NOVOROSSIYSK' ARE OBSERVED. NEITHER OF THE TWO SA-N-4 SHORT-RANGE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) LAUNCHER CANISTERS NORMALLY FITTED ONTO THIS CLASS COMBATANT HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ABOARD THIS UNIT. THE LACK OF THIS SYSTEM MAY BE RELATED TO THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW, VERTICALLY LAUNCHED POSSIBLE SAM SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON THE UDALOY GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER AND POSSIBLY THE 444D CVHG. NO INDICATIONS OF THE INSTALLATION OF A VERTICALLY LAUNCHED SYSTEM HAVE BEEN OBSERVED TO DATE ON 'NOVOROSSIYSK'.

ALTHOUGH PROVISIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE POPUP SA-N-4 SYSTEM WERE INITIALLY OBSERVED WHEN THE SHIP WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444 [REDACTED] THE SA-N-4 LAUNCHER CONTAINERS AND DECK-LEVEL SLIDING DOOR HAVE NOT BEEN INSTALLED, AND PROBABLE BLANKING PLATES COVER THE MAGAZINE AREAS. ONLY THE BLANKING PLATE IS OBSERVED IN THE AREA WHERE THE FORWARD SA-N-4 POSITION IS NORMALLY OBSERVED, AND TWO AIRCRAFT TRACTORS ARE PARKED WHERE THE AFT SA-N-4 POSITION WOULD BE (STARBOARD OF THE AFT END OF THE SHIP'S ISLAND).

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ANOTHER MODIFICATION OBSERVED ON THIS UNIT IS THE PLACEMENT OF A [REDACTED] RECTANGULAR BOX, AFT OF THE SHIP'S ISLAND, TO STARBOARD OF THE SMALLER AIRCRAFT ELEVATOR. THE BOX IS ORIENTED FORE AND AFT, IN CONTRAST TO A SIMILAR BOX WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED ATHWARTSHIPS FORWARD OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE ON THE 444D CVHG NOW FITTING OUT AT NIKOLAYEV. THE FUNCTION OF THESE BOXES, WHICH MAY BE EITHER WEAPONS OR ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATED, IS UNDETERMINED.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 44-36-56N 033-33-18E

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